


**REMARKS**

With this Amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 2 and 3, amends Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, and 10, and adds new Claim 17. No new matter is added. Therefore, Claims 1, and 4-17 are all the claims currently pending in the present application.

In view of the above-noted amendments and the remarks included in Applicant's 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Response filed July 16, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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